

Born a stone's throw away in Providence, Rhode Island to Dr. Carl and Gertrude Sawyer, Ric was destined to spend his life giving back to his country. Ric joined the military at a young age in 1967, where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and went on to proudly serve across seas as a pilot with the U.S. Army and National Guard (USANG) during the Vietnam Conflict. After a year on tour in Vietnam, Eric was not only promoted to the rank of captain for his integrity as a commissioned officer but then also shipped across the world to Germany for another two years in foreign service. Captain Sawyer concluded his long stint in active duty with countless recognitions of his skilled leadership through military campaigns. Among his several accolades, Captain Eric Sawyer was most notably bestowed with a Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star.

After serving abroad, Ric returned home determined to strengthen his New England roots and direct his career in service toward his local community. Upon retiring from the USANG with a total of 27 years as a pilot, Ric spent the remainder of his career as a state police and corporate helicopter pilot. Though he was always dutiful in his work, Ric's prosperity was ultimately reflected by way of spending time with his family, network of friends and cultivation of several hobbies.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents who are as humble, dutiful, and distinguished as Ric Sawyer. Though Ric's legacy and character will continue to have a ripple effect as a force of altruism, particularly for those who knew him in the Bolton community, his loss and what it means for the region cannot be understated. It is worth finding solace, however, in the impact that his legacy will have upon the local community as well as his surviving family and loved ones, namely, his wife Pam, daughters Margaret and Elizabeth and son-in-law Sean, and six siblings. He is predeceased by one sibling, Richard Sawyer. To that end, I ask that the entire House join me in setting Eric Sawyer's name further into stone, and recognizing his life and service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT JASON SHAW FOR RECEIVING A LIFE-SAVER AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Galesburg Police Department Lieutenant Jason Shaw on receiving a Life-Saver Award by Galesburg Mayor Peter Schwartzman on November 1, 2021.

Fellow GPD Officer Chris Hootman experienced a medical emergency at his residence and contacted Lieutenant Jason Shaw, who acted swiftly to dispatch paramedics and Officer Dan Williams to the scene. After Lieutenant Shaw helped assess that Officer Hootman would require more care than St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg could offer, with Lieutenant Cromien following behind, Officer Williams and Lieutenant Shaw transported Officer Hootman by ambulance to St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. On the way, paramedics had to pull over to provide immediate life-saving

measures. While Officer Williams and Lieutenant Shaw rendered these mitigations, Lieutenant Cromien got out of her car and drove the ambulance the rest of the way. He was able to receive necessary medical care and is now recovering from his sustained trauma.

Officer Chris Hootman was recently named School Resource Officer at Galesburg High School. Lieutenants Shaw and Cromien and Officer Williams saved his life, and thanks to this act of valor, he can continue to keep our children safe.

It is because of committed and selfless leaders such as these three first responders that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Lieutenant Jason Shaw and thank him for saving the life of Officer Chris Hootman.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT FERNANDO G. SCHIEFELBEIN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (RETIRED)

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a heartfelt tribute to a distinguished Marine, Master Sergeant (MSgt) Fernando Schiefelbein of the United States Marine Corps, to honor his long and illustrious career in public service on active duty and as a civil servant. MSgt. Schiefelbein started his service in 1980 as a private nominated to attend Sea School and has been serving our great Nation with dedication and honor ever since. His retirement after 38 plus years of commitment to the United States Marine Corps and to the United States is extraordinary.

In May 2001, Master Sergeant Schiefelbein retired from active duty after 21 plus years of outstanding service. Master Sergeant Schiefelbein's personal awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation (4th Award), Navy "E" Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2nd Award), Southwest Asia Service Medal (3rd Award), Armed Forces Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (8th Award), Navy Arctic Service Ribbon, Marine Corps Recruiting Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).

Fernando Schiefelbein now serves as an Operations Specialist for Marine Corps Installations East and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He has served in this capacity since October 2005.

During this period, Mr. Schiefelbein has successfully assisted in the planning and management of numerous VIP visits including U.S. Presidential and First Lady, U.S. Congressional Members and staff, U.S. Pentagon officials and staff, state and local politicians, foreign political dignitaries, military general officers and staff from all branches of service, veterans, and their families.

Mr. Schiefelbein serves also as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) operator. An active participant and statistician reporter during this current COVID-19 Pandemic, he helps ensure officers are apprised of needed information for troop readiness. His responsibilities include assisting in plans and procedures for responding to natural disasters and other emergencies and preparing the cumulative reports for all installations included under the Marine Corps Installations East umbrella.

Mr. Schiefelbein is a member of the Beirut Memorial Advisory Board being appointed by the Mayor of Jacksonville, North Carolina. In 2010 Mr. Schiefelbein was appointed Administrator to the Lejeune Memorial Gardens Steering Committee, presiding over these quarterly meetings to the Base's Chief of Staff as well as the City of Jacksonville City Manager's Office. As Administrator he proudly supports requests to fly United States or Branch of Service flags at any of the memorials.

He also schedules reservations for ceremonial use at any of the memorials including professional military education classes, retirements and reenlistments, graduations, funerals, weddings, and formal ceremonies such as the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day Ceremony, POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, and the Montfort Point Marine Day Ceremony, and the 9/11 Patriot Day Ceremony. He enjoys acting as docent at the Lejeune Memorial Gardens to visiting dignitaries, veteran reunion groups and public/private school groups as they learn about veteran appreciation and community service.

Mr. Schiefelbein serves as the Camp Lejeune Base's liaison to the annual Jacksonville/Onslow County Veteran's Day Parade Committee and Jacksonville/Onslow County Christmas Parade Committee. Mr. Schiefelbein works with veteran organizations in the community both in his work capacity and as a concerned veteran himself. He is a member and past chairman of the MCB Camp Lejeune Military Retiree Council as well as the MCB Camp Lejeune liaison for the Onslow County Council of Veteran Organizations. He holds memberships in Non-Commissioned Officer Association, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Madam Speaker, and all congressional members of the 117th U.S. Congress, please join me in honoring the retirement of this incredible and noble Marine and wishing Master Sergeant Fernando Schiefelbein and his devoted wife Betty, a happy retirement from his life of outstanding public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER CHANDLER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Assistant Chief of Police William Christopher Chandler and his exemplary public service to the City of The Colony, Texas. After over 31 years as a Texas Police Officer, he is retiring as a respected law enforcement professional and community leader.

In high school, Chief Chandler met a fellow student and the love of his life, Olga. Chief